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SUBJECT: CAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION ISSUE

REF: A. STATE 192437; B. STATE 192560

1. AFTER TWO POSTPONEMENTS RESULTING FROM NYERERE STATE VISIT AND SUBSEQUENT TRIP BY DR. JOSEPH TO ANTIGUA TO DISCUSS CARIBBEAN AVIATION PROBLEMS, I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO TALK WITH MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DR. CUTHBERT JOSEPH TODAY (SEPT 16) TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON CAMBODIAN ISSUE AT UNGA.

2. I FORCEFULLY PRESENTED PROBLEM TO DR. JOSEPH, DRAWING HEAVILY FROM SECRETARY'S VIEWS IN REF A. ALSO LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE EXPANDING ON MY REMARKS AND DRAWING ON TALKING POINTS IN REF B.

3. WHILE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION OF USG VIEWPOINT, DR. JOSEPH WAS QUITE FRANK IN STATING THAT GOTT WOULD EXPECT TO FOLLOW ITS PRECEDENT OF LAST YEAR AND ABSTAIN ON THIS QUESTION AT 29TH UNGA. DESPITE MY EFFORTS TO PERSUADE HIM THAT IMPLICATIONS OF THIS ISSUE WERE IMPORTANT FOR ALL MEMBERS OF UN, DR. JOSEPH OBVIOUSLY FELT THIS MATTER INVOLVING A "BIG POWER" (US) AND A
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REMOTE PART OF THE WORLD WAS TYPE FOR WHICH GOTT POLICY REQUIRED

ABSTENTION. HE REITERATED GOTT POLICY OF TAKING POSITIVE POSITION ONLY ON THOSE UN ISSUES WHICH INVOLVED EITHER: A) DIRECT INTEREST OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO; B) RACIAL JUSTICE -- SUCH AS APARTHEID IN AFRICA; OR C) ISSUES OF DECOLONIALIZATION.

5. BELIEVE WE CAN THUS COUNT ON GOTT NOT VOTING TO UNSEAT KHMER REPUBLIC, BUT UNLIKELY THAT DELEGATION WILL BE GIVEN LATITUDE TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE APPROACH THAN ABSTENTION.
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